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To LIG. v. n. [*leggen*, Dutch.] To lie.

Thou kenst the great care
I have of thy health and thy welfare,
Which many wild beasts *liggen* in wait,
For to entrap in thy tender state.

Spenser's Pastorals.
LIGAMENT. n. f. [*ligamentum*, from *ligo*, Latin; *ligament*, French.]

Ligament is a white and solid body, softer than a cartilage, but harder than a membrane; they have no conspicuous cavities, neither have they any fenel, left they should suffer upon the motion of the joint: their chief use is to fasten the bones, which are articulated together for motion, left they should be dislocated with exercise.

Be all their *ligaments* at once unbound,
And their disjointed bones to powder ground.

The incus situate between the two former is one way joined to the malleus, the other end being a process fixed with a *ligament* to the stapes.

2. [In popular or poetical language.] Any thing which connects the parts of the body.

Though our *ligaments* betimes grow weak,
We must not force them till themselves they break.

3. Bond; chain; entanglement.

Men sometimes, upon the hour of departure, do speak and reason above themselves; for then the soul, beginning to be freed from the *ligaments* of the body, reasons like herself, and discourses in a strain above mortality.

LIGAMENTAL. n. f. [*from ligament*.] Composing a *ligamentous*. } ment.

The urachus or *ligamental* passage is derived from the bottom of the bladder, whereby it discharges the watery and urinary part of its aliment.

The clavicle is inserted into the first bone of the sternon, and bound in by a strong *ligamentous* membrane.

LIGATION. n. f. [*ligatio*, Latin.]

1. The act of binding.

2. The state of being bound.

The slumber of the body seems to be but the waking of the soul: it is the *ligation* of sense, but the liberty of reason.

LIGATURE. n. f. [*ligature*, French; *ligatura*, Latin.]

1. Any thing bound on; bandage.

He deludeth us also by philters, *ligatures*, charms, and many superstitious ways in the cure of diseases.

If you slit the artery, and thrust into it a pipe, and cast a strait *ligature* upon that part of the artery; notwithstanding the blood hath free passage through the pipe, yet will not the artery beat below the *ligature*; but do but take off the *ligature* it will beat immediately.

The many *ligatures* of our English drels check the circulation of the blood.

I found my arms and legs very strongly fastened on each side to the ground; I likewise felt several slender *ligatures* across my body, from my arm-pits to my thighs.

2. The act of binding.

The fatal noose performed its office, and with most strict *ligature* squeezed the blood into his face.

Any stoppage of the circulation will produce a drop, as by strong *ligature*, or compression.

3. The state of being bound.

Sand and gravel grounds easily admit of heat and moisture, for which they are not much the better, because they let it pass too soon, and contract no *ligature*.

LIGHT. n. f. [*leoht*, Saxon.]

1. That quality or action of the medium of sight by which we see.

Light is propagated from luminous bodies in time, and spends about seven or eight minutes of an hour in passing from the sun to the earth.

2. Illumination of mind; instruction; knowledge.

Of those things which are for direction of all the parts of our life needful, and not impossible to be discerned by the *light* of nature itself, are there not many which few men natural capacity hath been able to find out.

Light may be taken from the experiment of the horse-tooth ring, how that those things which alluage the strife of the spirits, do help diseases contrary to the intention desired.

I will place within them as a guide
My umpire conscience, whom if they will hear
Light after *light* well us'd they shall attain,
And to the end perishing fate arrive.

I opened Ariosto in Italian, and the very first two lines gave me *light* to all I could desire.

If this internal *light*, or any proposition which we take for inspired, be conformable to the principles of reason, or to the word of God, which is attested revelation, reason warrants it.

The ordinary words of language, and our common use of them, would have given us *light* into the nature of ideas, if considered with attention.

The books of Varro concerning navigation are lost, which

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no doubt would have given us great *light* in those matters.

3. The part of a picture which is drawn with bright colours, or in which the light is supposed to fall.

Never admit two equal *lights* in the same picture; but the greater *light* must strike forcibly on those places of the picture where the principal figures are; diminishing as it comes nearer the borders.

4. Reach of knowledge; mental view.

Light, and understanding, and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him.

We saw as it were thick clouds, which did put us in some hope of land, knowing how that part of the South sea was utterly unknown, and might have islands or continents that hitherto were not come to *light*.

5. Point of view; situation; direction in which the light falls.

Frequent consideration of a thing wears off the strangeness of it; and thence it in its several *lights*, and various ways of appearance, to the view of the mind.

It is impossible for a man of the greatest parts to consider any thing in its whole extent, and in all its variety of *lights*.

An author who has not learned the art of ranging his thoughts, and setting them in proper *lights*, will lose himself in confusion.

6. Explanation.

I have endeavoured, throughout this discourse, that every former part might give strength unto all that follow, and every latter bring some *light* unto all before.

We should compare places of scripture treating of the same point: thus one part of the sacred text could not fail to give *light* unto another.

7. Any thing that gives light; a pharos; a taper.

That *light* we see is burning in my hall;
How far that little candle throws his beams,
So shines a good deed in a naughty world.

Then he called for a *light*, and sprang in, and fell down before Paul.

I have set thee to be a *light* of the Gentiles, for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

Let them be for signs,
For seasons, and for days, and circling years;
And let them be for *lights*, as I ordain
Their office in the firmament of heav'n,
To give light on the earth.

I put as great difference between our new *lights* and ancient truths, as between the sun and an evanid meteor.

Several *lights* will not be seen,
If there be nothing else between;
Men doubt because they stand so thick 't' th' sky,
If those be stars that paint the galaxy.

I will make some offers at their safety, by fixing some marks like *lights* upon a coast, by which their ships may avoid at least known rocks.

He still must mourn
The sun, and moon, and ev'ry starry *light*,
Eclips'd to him, and lost in everlasting night.

LIGHT. adj. [*leoht*, Saxon.]

1. Not tending to the center with great force; not heavy.

Hot and cold were in one body fixt,
And soft with hard, and *light* with heavy mixt.

These weights did not exert their natural gravity till they were laid in the golden balance, inasmuch that I could not guess which was *light* or heavy whilst I held them in my hand.

2. Not burdensome; easy to be worn, or carried, or lifted; not onerous.

Horse, oxen, plough, tumbrel, cart, waggon, and wain,
The *lighter* and stronger the greater thy game.

It will be *light*, that you may bear it
Under a cloke that is of any length.

A king that would not feel his crown too heavy, must wear it every day; but if he think it too *light*, he knoweth not of what metal it is made.

3. Not afflictive; easy to be endured.

Every *light* and common thing incident into any part of man's life.

Light suff'rings give us leisure to complain,
We groan, but cannot speak, in greater pain.

4. Easy to be performed; not difficult; not valuable.

If fictitious *light* I mix with truth divine,
And fill these lines with other praise than thine.

Well pleas'd were all his friends, the task was *light*,
The father, mother, daughter, they invite.

5. Easy to be acted on by any power.

Apples of a ripe flavour, fresh and fair,
Mellow'd by winter from their cruder juice,

Light of digestion now, and fit for use.

6. Not

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6. Not heavily armed.

Paulus Barchitus, with a company of *light* horsemen, lay close in ambush, in a convenient place for that purpose.

7. Active; nimble.

He so *light* was at legerdemain,
That what he touch'd came not to light again.

8. Unnumbered; uncounted; clear of impediments.

9. Slight; not great.

10. Not cras; not grofs.

11. Easy to admit any influence; unsteady; unsettled; loose.

12. Gay; airy; without dignity or solidity; trifling.

13. Not chaste; not regular in conduct.

14. [From *light*, n. f.] Bright; clear.

15. Not dark; tending to whiteness.

In painting, the *light* and a white colour are but one and the same thing: no colour more resembles the air than white, and by consequence no colour which is *lighter*.

Two cylindric bodies with annular falc, found with sharks teeth, and other shells, in a *light* coloured clay.

LIGHT. adv. [*for lightly*, by colloquial corruption.] Lightly; cheaply.

Shall we set *light* by that custom of readings, from whence so precious a benefit hath grown.

To LIGHT. v. a. [*from light*, n. f.]

1. To kindle; to inflame; to set on fire.

Swinging coals about in the wire, thoroughly *lighted* them.

This truth shines so clear, that to go about to prove it, were to *light* a candle to seek the sun.

The maids, who waited her commands,
Ran in with *lighted* tapers in their hands.

Be witness gods, and strike Jocasta dead,
If an immodest thought, or low desire,
Inflam'd my breast since first our loves were *lighted*.

2. To give light to; to guide by light.

A beam that falls,
Lighting to eternity.

3. To illuminate.

His absent beams, had *lighted* up the sky.

4. Up is emphatically joined to *light*.

5. [From the adjective.] To lighten; to ease of a burthen.

And *light* this weary vessel of her load.

To LIGHT. v. n. [*light*, by chance, Dutch.]

1. To happen; to fall upon by chance.

No more settled in valour than disposed to justice, if either they had *lighted* on a better friend, or could have learned to make friendship a child, and nothe the father of virtue.

The prince, by chance, did on a lady *light*,
That was right fair, and fresh as morning rose.

2. To be acted on by any power.

As in the tides of people once up, there want not stirring

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winds to make them more rough; so this people did *light* upon two ringleaders.

Of late years, the royal oak did *light* upon count Rhodophil.

The way of producing such a change on colours may be easily enough *lighted* on, by those conversant in the solutions of mercury.

He fought by arguments to sooth her pain;
Nor those avail'd: at length he *lights* on one,
Before two moons their orb with light adorn,
If heav'n allow me life, I will return.

Truth, *light* upon this way, is of no more avail to us than error; for what is so taken up by us, may be false as well as true; and he has not done his duty, who has thus stumbled upon truth in his way to preferment.

Whoever first *lit* on a parcel of that substance we call gold, could not rationally take the bulk and figure to depend on its real essence.

As wily reynard walk'd the streets at night,
On a tragedian's mask he chanc'd to *light*,
Turning it o'er, he mutter'd with disdain,
How vast a head is here without a brain.

A weaker man may sometimes *light* on notions which have escap'd a wiser.

2. [Alliteration, Saxon.] To descend from a horse or carriage.

When Naaman saw him running after him, he *lighted* down from the chariot to meet him.

I saw 'em salute on horseback,
Beheld them when they *lighted*, how they clung
In their embracement.

Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she *lighted* off the camel.

The god laid down his feeble rays,
Then *lighted* from his glittering coach.

3. To fall in any particular direction.

The wounded steed curvets; and, rais'd upright,
Lights on his feet before: his hoofs behind
Spring up in air aloft, and lash the wind.

4. To fall; to strike on.

He at his foe with furious rigour smites,
That strongest oak might seem to overthrow;
The stroke upon his shield so heavy *lights*,
That to the ground it doubleth him full low.

At an uncertain lot none can find themselves grieved on whomsoever it *lighteth*.

They shall hunger no more; neither shall the sun burn them, nor any heat.

On me, me only, as the source and spring
Of all corruption, all the blame *lights* due.

A curse *lights* upon him presently after: his great army is utterly ruined, he himself slain in it, and his head and right hand cut off, and hung up before Jerusalem.

5. To settle; to rest.

I plac'd a quire of such enticing birds,
That she will *light* to listen to their lays.

Then as a bee which among weeds doth fall,
Which seem sweet flow'rs, with lustre fresh and gay,
She *lights* on that, and this, and tasteth all,
But pleas'd with none, doth rise and soar away.

Plant trees and shrubs near home, for them to pitch on at their swarming, that they may not be in danger of being lost for want of a *lighting* place.

To LIGHTEN. v. n. [*lit*, *light*, Saxon.]

1. To flash, with thunder.

That thunders, *lightens*, opens graves, and roars
As doth the lion.

I have no joy of this contract to night;
It is too rash, too unadvised, too sudden;
Too like the *lightning*, which doth cease to be
Ere one can say it *lightens*.

The lightning that *lighteneth* out of the one part under heaven, sheweth unto the other part.

2. To shine like lightning.

Yet looks he like a king: behold his eye,
As bright as is the eagle's, *lightens* forth
Controlling majesty.

3. To fall or light. [*from light*.]

O Lord, let thy mercy *lighten* upon us, as our trust is in thee.

To LIGHTEN. v. a. [*from light*.]

1. To illuminate; to enlighten.

Upon his bloody finger he doth wear
A precious ring, that *lightens* all the hole.

O light, which mak'st the light which makes the day,
Which set'st the eye without, and mind within;
Lighten my spirit with one clear heav'nly ray,
Which now to view itself doth darkly begin.

A key of fire ran all along the shore,
And *lighten'd* all the river with a blaze.

2. Nature